



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

SCHNEIDER, J.

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For: **PRESERVED IMPLANTABLE VESSEL
DERIVED FROM A HUMAN UMBILICAL
CORD OR PLACENTA**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(37 C.F.R. §1.115)

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IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-26.

14. An allograft,

comprising:

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a. preserved vessel isolated from a human umbilical cord directly lyophilized without chemical denaturing, said preserved vessel exhibiting low antigenicity and high patency when implanted, said preserved vessel being substantially free of fetal blood.

15. The allograft of claim 14 in which said preserved vessel comprises a vein.

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